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SUBJ: STAFFING OF DEA IN RABAT

REF: STATE 106651

1. RE PARA 1 REFTTEL, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO BASIC CONCEPT OF TWO-MAN OFFICE PLUS SECRETARY. PHASED ARRIVAL OF THE TWO AGENTS IS PREFERABLE, HOWEVER, FROM POINT OF VIEW OF OUR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP USEFUL AND FRIENDLY WORKING RELATIONSHIP ON NARCOTICS WITH MOROCCAN AUTHORITIES. THIS PHASING IS A REFINEMENT DISCUSSED WITH DEA FIELD REPRESENTATIVES AFTER JULY-AUGUST CORRESPONDENCE CITED PARA 1 REFTTEL.

2. WE BELIEVE DEPT SHOULD INSIST THAT SECOND AGENT MEET S3, R3 LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT, EVEN IF THIS MEANS ADDITIONAL TRAINING. CANDIDATE'S CURRENT S-2, R-1 CLEARLY INADEQUATE FOR USEFUL COMMUNICATION WITH MOROCCAN COUNTER-PARTS. WHILE MOROCCANS HAVE NOT BELABORED ISSUE, WE GATHER THAT INEFFECTIVENESS OF PREVIOUS DEA REPRESENTATION HERE LARGELY ATTRIBUTABLE TO INADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS AND LACK OF SENSITIVITY IN CROSS-CULTURAL SITUATIONS.

3. AS ALTERNATIVE, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANOTHER SECOND DEA AGENT IF HE FULLY QUALIFIED LINGUISTICALLY AND OTHERWISE.

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